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NORTH-SOUTH QUESTION, AND HORN OF AFRICA

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT NYERERE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS VISIT TO THE US. HIS PRINCIPAL INTEREST WILL BE THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. HIS MAIN SPEECH WILL BE ON THE HUMAN SIDE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEM. HE WANTS TO ASSESS SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND I RECOMMEND WE GO OVER IT WITH HIM AS MUCH AS HE WANTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HOUR'S CONVERSATION JULY 28, PRESIDENT NYERERE REFLECTED RELAXED, ANTICIPATORY MOOD ABOUT HIS VISIT TO THE US. WE COVERED SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS BUT NOTHING NEW DEVELOPED. I HALF EXPECTED HE WOULD ASK ABOUT OWEN MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON, BUT HE DID NOT, AND I VOLUNTEERED NOTHING. HE APPARENTLY ACCEPTED MY SUGGESTION THAT ZIMBABWE, AS WELL AS NAMIBIA, WAS PROBABLY NOW REACHING CRITICAL STAGE. NYERERE MADE CLEAR THAT HIS PRINCIPAL INTEREST DURING THE VISIT

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WILL BE SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE WILL WANT TO GO OVER THIS THOROUGHLY WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT I DON'T THINK HE HAS ANY SURPRISES UP HIS SLEEVE.

3. NYERERE INDICATED HE WAS HAPPY WITH SCHEDULE, HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH I DESCRIBED. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT VICE PRESIDENT WILL HOST STATE DEPARTMENT LUNCH. HE SAID THAT IN HOWARD UNIVER-

SITY SPEECH, HE WOULD TRY PUT NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEM IN HUMAN TERMS, TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANT TO PEOPLE RATHER THAN BALANCES OF PAYMENTS AND GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCTS. THERE WOULD BE FEW STATISTICS. HE HAD USED AN INACCURATE FIGURE IN A SPEECH IN ENGLAND WHEN HE WAS LAST THERE, AND HE HAD NEVER BEEN ALLOWED TO FORGET ABOUT IT.

4. THE ONLY SUBJECT HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THAT US MIGHT NOT HAVE ANTICIPATED, HE SAID, WAS THE HORN OF AFRICA. HE WAS DEEPLY WORRIED ABOUT IT AND HE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASSESSMENT, ESPECIALLY AS US SEEMED TO BE CONSIDERING PROVIDING ARMS TO SOMALIS. NYERERE EMPHASIZED THAT HE THOUGHT NEW ETHIOPIAN RULERS WERE MAKING A GREAT MESS AND HE HAD UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED GET THEM TO MODERATE THEIR ACTIVITIES, RIGHT BACK TO SUGGESTING THEY TREAT HAILE SELASSIE AS NASSER TREATED FAROUK. MOREOVER, HE HIMSELF HAD MOVED ORIGINAL OAU RESOLUTION IN 1964 TO ACCEPT EXISTING POLITICAL BOUNDARIES IN AFRICA, AND SOMALIS, THEN AS NOW, JUST DIDN'T ACCEPT THAT. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO HAVE A GREATER SOMALILAND. THEY ARE NOW TAKING THE OGADEN. DJIBOUTI AND NORTHERN KENYA ARE NEXT ON THEIR LIST. NYERERE LIKES THEM BUT HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THEM. THE US SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE LIMITS OF ITS SUPPORT FOR SOMALIS, BECAUSE IF THEY KEEP ON PUSHING AND THE ETHIOPIANS KEEP UP THEIR SILLY WAYS, ETHIOPIA IS GOING TO COLLAPSE, AND NYERERE IS AFRAID OF WHAT WILL FOLLOW.

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5. COMMENT: BELIEVE WE SHOULD RESPOND TO NYERERE'S "NEW SUBJECT" WITH AS MUCH DISCUSSION AS HE WANTS ON THE HORN. WE CAN BE FRANKER WITH HIM THAN WOULD BE THE CASE WITH MANY AFRICAN LEADERS. IF WE NOTE THAT WE WOULD WISH HIM TO RESPECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF A PARTICULAR FACT OR DEBATE, CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT HE WILL DO SO.

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